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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 August 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 and 9-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 7 and 9 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 10-20 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

Election/Restrictions

Based on an oversight in the previous Office Action Examiner is submitting that the following claims 1-6 and 10-22 are in a condition to be further restricted. Examiner is including the non-elected claims 7 and 9 for clarification, nonetheless, claims 1-6 and 10-22 were the elected Group I and are the claims being currently prosecuted.

Restriction to one of the following inventions is requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121:

I. Claims 1-6 and 10-17, and 20-22, drawn to selecting via a web page a plurality of recipe programs associated with an intelligent appliance wherein the plurality of recipe programs are a subset of recipe programs chosen from a group of recipe program available to be chosen for the intelligent appliance; storing the selection of the plurality of recipe programs in a user profile at a location remote from the intelligent appliance; downloading at least one of the plurality of recipe programs to the intelligent appliance; receiving a message from the intelligent appliance requesting a new recipe program, the message being sent from the intelligent appliance without user intervention; and upon finding the new recipe program in a database, transmitting the new recipe to the intelligent appliance, classified in class 700, subclass 90.

Claims 7 and 9, drawn to a user identifier element that identifies a record in a database an appliance identifier element linked to the user identifier element that identifies an intelligent appliance; a plurality of recipe program elements linked to the appliance identifier element; and an unique product code element associated with at least one of the plurality of recipe program elements, classified in class 707, subclass 1.

II. Claim 18, drawn to downloading the plurality of recipe programs to a memory in an intelligent appliance from the user profile; determining whether the code input by the code input device is associated with any one of the plurality of recipe programs stored in the memory in the intelligent appliance; transmitting a request for a recipe program if the input code from the code input device is not associated with any one of the plurality of recipe programs; and receiving, at the intelligent appliance, a new recipe program associated with the code input by the code input device, classified in class 700, subclass 11.

III. Claim 19, drawn to storing the plurality of recipe programs in a user profile in a location remote from an intelligent appliance; downloading at least one of the plurality of recipe programs to the intelligent appliance; receiving a message from the intelligent appliance requesting a new recipe program; if the new recipe program is found in a database, transmitting the new recipe to the intelligent appliance; and if the new recipe program is not found in a database, updating the user profile with a continuing request for the new recipe program, classified in class 707, subclass 3.

Inventions I, II, and III are related as combinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The combinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, Invention II has separate utility such as "transmitting a request for a recipe program if the input code from the code input

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device is not associated with any one of the plurality of recipe programs; and receiving, at the intelligent appliance, a new recipe program associated with the code input by the code input device” and Invention II has a separate utility such as “if the new recipe program is found in a database, transmitting the new recipe to the intelligent appliance; and if the new recipe program is not found in a database, updating the user profile with a continuing request for the new recipe program,” See MPEP j 806.05(d).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tammara Peyton whose telephone number is (571) 272-4157. The examiner can normally be reached between 6:30 - 4:00 from Monday to Thursday, (I am off every first Friday), and 6:30-3:00 every second Friday. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Huynh can be reached on (571) 272-4083. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300. Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2100.

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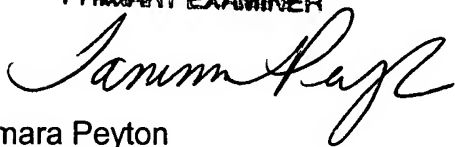
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Tammara Peyton

October 14, 2006